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Sir:

This paper is responsive to a non-final Office action mailed May 21, 2004. A request for the necessary extension of time in which to respond to the action is filed concurrently with this paper.

A few paragraphs in the specification have been changed to correct typographical errors and to adopt a more widely-used form of a particular word; that is, "palmtop". The reasons for the changes are self-evident and are not believed to require discussion or further explanation. No new matter is being added. The amended paragraphs appear in the **Changes to the Specification** section of this paper.

Claim 18 is being amended to correct a typographical error helpfully pointed out by the Examiner. The claims are not, however, otherwise being amended because they clearly distinguish over the art of record. The claims, including amended claim 18, are reproduced in the **Changes to the Claims** section of this paper. The reasons why the claims distinguish over the art of record are set forth in the **Remarks** section of this paper.